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- 11. (C) China believes the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) should be extended for only six more months, that the February extension should be MINUSTAH's final extension and that the scope of the mission should be reduced to the size it was when the mission was first established, MFA Director General for International Organizations Wu Hailong told the DCM January 16. Even though China has no diplomatic relations with Haiti, the PRC supports the stabilization mission, Wu said, emphasizing China's role in the passage of UNSCR 1542 three years ago. China has dispatched nearly 130 police officers to Haiti during the mission and contributes USD10 million annually to it. Wu made no other remarks.
- 12. (C) The DCM emphasized the importance of MINUSTAH's stabilization mission and urged the PRC to provide the support necessary for the continuation and completion of the mission. Experts should determine force levels and the length of the mission based on the needs of the mission and safety of personnel, not because of political concerns, he stressed.

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